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IABSE PERIODICA – Review and Outlook

The total volume of the Periodica 1981, 408 pages published in 24 booklets, is to some extent below the budget. This is mainly due to the fact that within the IABSE Journal series only two booklets could be issued. The Editorial Committee views this result with some concern. Is there really so little to report from the construction management side? Is there in this field no progress, no new ideas, no good or bad experiences worth reporting? The Editorial Committee does not believe so. It clearly feels that managers are too busy in their daily work to be able to sit down for a few hours, put some keywords down and elaborate a little along these lines. It is quite true, and everybody knows, that the first thing necessary to accomplish a work or a task is to start it. So, please do start writing a paper on what you think is a good idea, could be of some help to your colleagues or "burns under your nails". The Editorial Committee is keen to publish in this field and will appreciate your efforts.

The Editorial Committee is happy to report that the mean number of pages per volume dropped to 17 from 22 in 1979. We think this to be a favorable trend marking the PERIODICA better and easier to read. There is nothing good which could not be said in 12 or 16 pages. We shall try to bring the above mentioned number down to an average of, say 14 and are willing to publish more booklets in compensation.

Structural Engineering Documents

The Executive Committee of the IABSE decided during its meeting in London to start a new series of publications intended to give useful guidance to

structural engineers for their daily work. The title chosen reflects this idea and intention: "Structural Engineering Documents". We plan to publish in this series one or two books per year, very thoroughly chosen out of the vast number of manuscripts proposed for publication by eminent engineers. These books in general are for sale only and are not included in the IABSE membership fee. They will also be brought to the attention of booksellers all over the world. The best access for IABSE members nevertheless will be the IABSE Secretariat, because a special IABSE members price will be offered.

The first choices have already been made:

- 1) Concrete Box Girder Bridges
by Prof. Dr.-Ing. J. Schlaich (GFR)
- 2) Dynamic Response of Reinforced Concrete Buildings
by Prof. Em. H. Umemura and
Assoc. Prof. H. Takizawa (Japan).

The Editorial Committee hopes that these two first volumes meet the interest of the IABSE members and the profession at large and the new series will be a success.

To give this action a good start, it was decided to distribute No. 2 of the "Structural Engineering Documents", to all members of IABSE free of charge. An information sheet on the "Structural Engineering Documents" and on No. 1 will be soon available and will be mailed to the IABSE members.

The Editorial Committee hopes to receive proposals for future volumes and assures a proper review procedure.

*(Jörg Schneider
Chairman Editorial Committee)*

Publications of the IABSE

IABSE publishes now 4 series:

— a regular series (quarterly)

IABSE PERIODICA

PERIODICA AIPC

IVBH PERIODICA

— three irregular series

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called up to 1981
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Commissions

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appelé jusqu'en 1981
Rapports des Commissions
de Travail

IVBH REPORT

benannt bis 1981
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Arbeitskommissionen

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